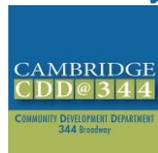


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# City of Cambridge Community Development Department Transit Advisory Committee

January 2022





# Welcome

## Purpose

- Get feedback from appointed members of the TAC, the City’s “community experts”, on City projects, MBTA initiatives, and development proposals

## Objective

- City staff to understand TAC’s consensus on priorities and reactions to city positions on state projects.

## Process

- Presentation from City or MBTA staff followed by discussion - questions from TAC members, public to type in questions in zoom Q&A, comments during public comment period



# MBTA Updates



# MBTA Service Restorations

- A schedule change took effect on Sunday, December 19, 2021
  - As the result of lack of bus operators, the MBTA cancelled trips during the Fall schedule in an uncoordinated and unscheduled way.
  - For the winter schedule, the MBTA reduced frequencies on many bus routes.
  - Given the operator shortage, the MBTA stated this should result in improved reliability.
- Routes in Cambridge with reductions in frequency include:
  - Key Bus Routes 1, 66, 77
  - Local Routes: 47, 70, 86, 87, 88
- Route 62 and 76 operate in the AM and PM peak and are combined the rest of the day

# MBTA Service Restorations

Route	Status	Hub	Terminal	Destination/Notes
62	Restored on weekdays as separate service in the morning and afternoon – 12.19.2022	Alewife	Bedford/VA Hospital	Hanscom Airport, Lex. Center
76	Restored on weekdays as separate service in the morning and afternoon – 12.19.2022	Alewife	Lincoln Lab	Hanscom Airport, Lex. Center

# MBTA Schedule Changes

Route	Status	Hub	Terminal	Destination/Notes
64	Weekday schedule changes – 12.19.2022	Kendall	Oak Square	Cambridgeport, Allston
69	Weekday, Saturday, and Sunday schedule changes – 12.19.2022	Lechmere	Harvard	Inman Square, East Cambridge, Cambridge Hospital, CRLS
83	Weekday, Saturday, and Sunday schedule changes – 12.19.2022	Alewife	Central	Central Square, Inman Square, Porter Square
85	Weekday schedule changes in the morning – 12.19.2022	Kendall	Spring Hill	Union Square

# MBTA Frequency Reductions

Route	Status	Hub	Terminal	Destination/Notes
1	Reduced frequency – 12.19.2022	Harvard	Nubian	Via Mass Ave
47	Reduced frequency – 12.19.2022	Central	Broadway	Longwood Medical Area, Boston Medical Center (City Hospital)
66	Reduced frequency – 12.19.2022	Harvard	Nubian	Via Brookline Center
70	Reduced frequency – 12.19.2022			

# MBTA Frequency Reductions

Route	Status	Hub	Terminal	Destination/Notes
77	Reduced frequency – 12.19.2022	Harvard	Arlington Heights	Porter Square, North Cambridge, Arlington Center
86	Reduced frequency – 12.19.2022	Sullivan	Reservoir	Harvard, Allston, Brighton, Cleveland Circle
87	Reduced frequency – 12.19.2022	Lechmere	Arlington Center Clarendon Hill	Union Sq., Porter Sq., Davis Sq., Clarendon Hill – East Arlington
88	Reduced frequency – 12.19.2022	Lechmere	Clarendon Hill	Somerville City Hall, Davis Sq.

# MBTA Green Line Extension

- Project is an estimated ~80% complete
- Partial opening planned for March 2022
  - Reopening with service to Lechmere and Union
  - No fare gate line at GLX stations, including Lechmere; stations will have a “fare paid” area
  - Fare vending machines to also serve as fare validation machines
  - Rail-replacement shuttles to remain until service to Lechmere begins
- Service to Medford/Tufts is planned to open in May 2022
- Elevator access for Union station delayed until mid 2022
- 24 new trolleys purchased to accommodate increased ridership
- Train testing has begun between Lechmere and Union



# In progress

Project	Update	Next public event
<b>Red Line Transformation</b>	New weekly updates on website	TBA
<b>Fare Transformation (AFC 2.0)</b>	New Fare Vending Machines being installed on RL; OL complete	TBA

# In progress

Project	Update	Next public event
<b>Alewife Garage Repairs</b>	Acceleration of repair work. Scheduled completion Fall 2023	None planned
<b>Lechmere Viaduct Rehabilitation (Green Line Transformation)</b>	98% complete. Expect completion in January 2022	None planned
<b>System-Wide Accessibility Improvements</b>	Developing a Plan for Accessible Transit Infrastructure (PATI). Dec. 2021 report was released	None planned

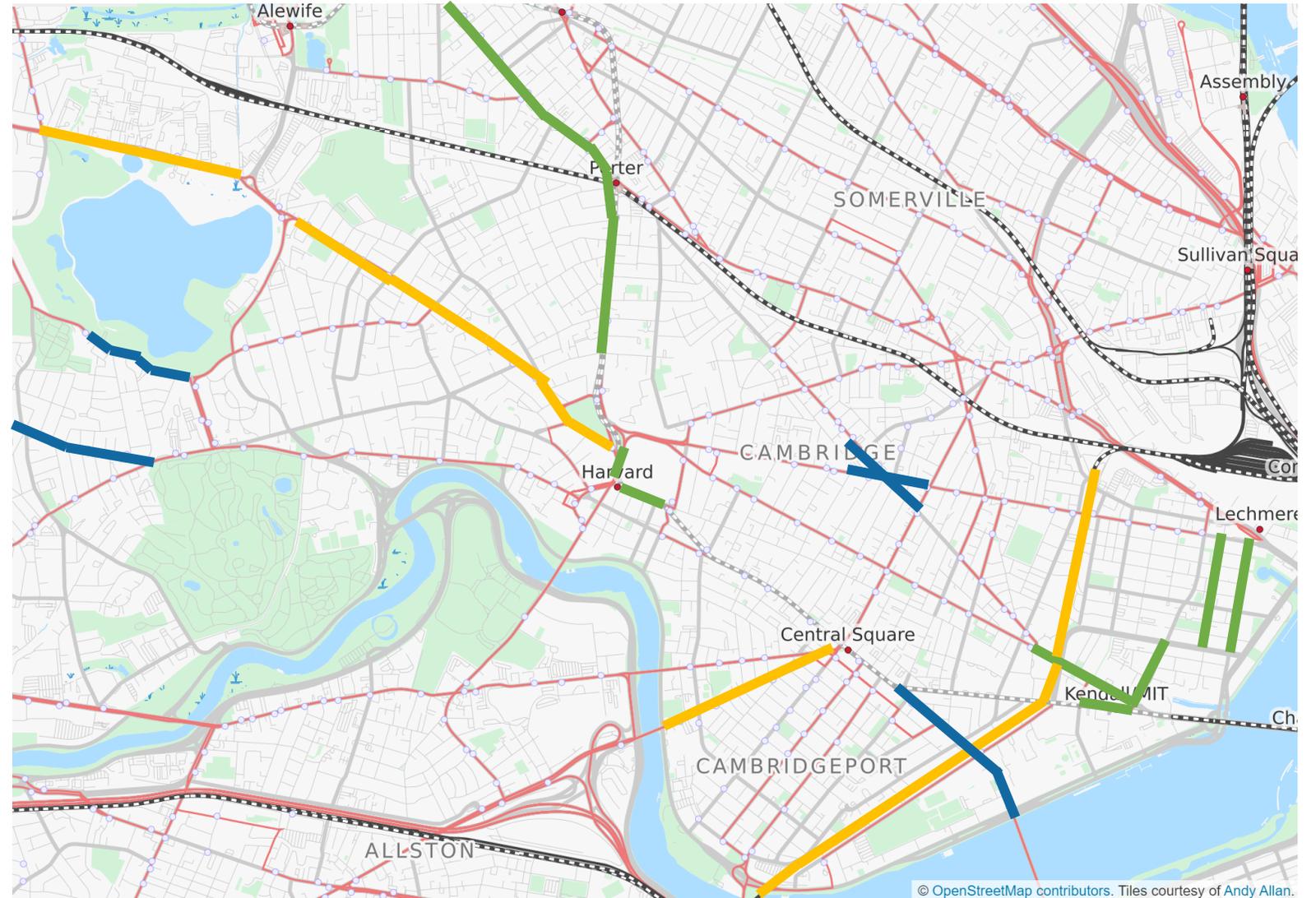
# Under study

Project	Update	Next public event
<b>Bus Network Redesign</b>	Planning to share a proposal this upcoming spring	TBA
<b>Silver Line Extensions Alternative analysis</b>	Draft alternatives under review	TBA
<b>Facility modernization &amp; Bus electrification</b>	North Cambridge Carhouse – Conversion to BEB facility (Potentially FY2023-24)	TBA



# Notes: City Updates

# Selected street projects





# In Progress

Project	Update	Next public event
<b>Inman Square</b>	Installing new storm drain connection from Inman St. to Hampshire St.	E-mail updates sent out as construction work zones change, about every 2 weeks
<b>North Mass. Ave (Dudley to Alewife Brook Parkway) Corridor Safety Improvements</b>	Bike + bus lane installation completed.	TBA

# Implementation soon

Project	Update	Next public event
<b>Belmont Street</b>	On hold pending coordination with MBTA. Potential start Spring 2022	None planned
<b>Huron Avenue – Glacken Field</b>	Traffic analysis complete Continuing with existing design	TBA
<b>South Mass Ave Transit Priority Follow-up</b>	Implementation in spring 2022 – update when implementation timeline set	TBA



# In Planning and Design

Project	Update	Next public event
<b>River Street Reconstruction</b>	Updating plaza designs	TBA
<b>Grand Junction MUP</b>	Ongoing review with state agencies	Winter 2022 (TBA) – Public Meeting
<b>Concord Ave – Transit Signal Priority</b>	Working with MBTA on procurement and design	None scheduled



# Completed

Project	Update	Next public event
<b>Bus Shelter at 500 Main Street</b>	New bus shelter was installed funded by KSTEP	None planned



# In Study

Project	Update	Next public event
<b>Porter Square Corridor Safety Improvements</b>	CSO-related project Community Meeting scheduled	Tue 1/25 6:00-8:00PM Zoom
<b>MassAve4 Outreach (Waterhouse-Roseland + Beech-Dudley)</b>	Pop-up community meetings held in Nov.	None currently scheduled



# In Study

<b>Project</b>	<b>Update</b>	<b>Next public event</b>
<b>First Street &amp; Second Street Corridor</b>	Comment period closed	None currently scheduled
<b>Broadway/Main/Third (CRA-led)</b>	Ongoing study of bus queue jump facility and signal priority on Broadway and Third	None currently scheduled
<b>Transportation Impact Study Update Study</b>	Study has begun	None currently scheduled



# TAC Updates



# TAC Orientation

- **Thursday, January 20**
- Agenda:
  - Review role of TAC
  - Develop a group agreement with a staff-facilitated exercise
  - Introduce codes of conduct
  - Review City's plans and other materials



# Upcoming meetings

## February

- **3<sup>rd</sup> Transit Advisory Committee**
- **16<sup>th</sup> Joint Committee Meeting**

Thank you for participating in this Transit  
Advisory Committee meeting.

**Stay healthy and well.**

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**Thank You**